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SUBJ: THOMPSON (UK) PROPOSAL FOR COMMITTEE ON PNE'S

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1. JOHN THOMPSON, UK ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY FCO, WAS IN VIENNA SEPT 16 AND 17 AS MEMBER OF UK DELEGATION TO IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE. AT REQUEST OF UK RESREP (JACKSON) TAPE AND PORTER MET WITH THEM TO DISCUSS NEED FOR MECHANISMS IN ADDITION TO IAEA SECRETARIAT ACTIVITY FOR FULFILLING NPT-ARTICLE V OBLIGATIONS.

2. AS WE UNDERSTAND THOMPSON, A COMMITTEE OF IAEA BOARD OR MEMBERS WOULD BE CONSTITUTED TO REVIEW PNE TECHNICAL PROGRESS, ASSIST IN EVOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES AND OBSERVATION UNDER IAEA, CONSIDER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND LEGAL QUESTIONS, ETC. THOMPSON VIEWS SUCH ACTION INTER ALIA AS SHOWING STRONGER RESPONSE TO ARTICLE V AT TIME OF NPT REVIEW AND GIVING MORE ATTENTION TO INDIA AND OTHER SIMILAR NON-NPT PARTIES, AND TO GET THEM DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN CON-
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SIDERATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF PNE'S. THOMPSON STATED THIS HAD

BEEN DISCUSSED WITH IKLE (REF A) AND HE ASSUMED THERE WAS US AGREEMENT. (FYI: AT UK LUNCHEON FOR GC DELEGATES, THOMPSON TALKED TO CHAIRMAN RAY. SHE WAS NOT PLEASED WITH HIS CRITICISM THAT USG DOES NOT SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE, ESPECIALLY SINCE AEC WAS NOT PRESENT JULY 30 WASHINGTON MEETING.)

3. TAPE AND PORTER REMINDED THOMPSON OF SEPT 13 BOARD ACTION AND OF UK AND FRG INTERVENTIONS AT LAST MINUTE. POSITIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN (REF B) AND FRG CONCERN FOR KEEPING OPEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEIR INDUSTRY TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSULTANT ROLE WAS SATISFIED. THOMPSON ADVISED THAT FRG ACTION WAS INDEPENDENT OF HIS EFFORTS AND SEEMED TO ORIGINATE IN FRG SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY AND NOT IN FONMIN. HE HAD RECENTLY TALKED TO FONMIN IN BONN ON PNE QUESTION, AND GERMAN INITIATIVE IN SEPT 13 BOARD CAME AS TOTAL SURPRISE TO HIM.

4. TAPE AND PROTER RAISED SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT PROPOSED COMMITTEE:

A) TERMS OF REFERENCE WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY DRAWN SO THAT WORK WOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS BEYOND NORMAL RESPONSIBILITY OF SECRETARIAT, WOULD BE SPECIFIC AND COULD RESULT IN CONSTRUCTIVE REPORTS TO BOARD.

B) MEMBERSHIP WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY SELECTED. SELECTION MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE IN WHICH EVENT PARTICIPATION WOULD BE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS. SECRETARIAT, ON OTHER HAND, CAN SELECT PANELS OF EXPERTS ON PARTICULAR SUBJECTS ON BASIS BOTH OF INTEREST OF INDIVIDUAL STATE AS WELL AS QUALIFICATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS.

C) FINANCING IS ALWAYS A PROBLEM ESPECIALLY IF ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON APPROVED BUDGETS. ALSO, SUCH STATES AS ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL DO NOT HAVE SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES IN VIENNA; IT QUESTIONABLE THAT THEIR COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION WOULD BE MORE THAN PASSIVE.

D) TIMING OF ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE I DINNER. PNE TECHNICAL TALKS ARE IN JANUARY 1975; NEXT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING IS FEBRUARY. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING IF CONVENED NOR ARGENTINE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WOULD CONSIST MOSTLY OF REPRESENTATIVES, CONFIDENTIAL

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INSTEAD OF GOVERNORS COMING FROM CAPITALS. NEITHER OF THESE MEETINGS WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE NOR FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE; JANUARY MEETING IN PARTICULAR IS COMPOSED OF EXPERTS, NOT GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES.

5. ON BALANCE, MISSION SEES POSITIVE GAIN IN ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE ONLY IF UN OR NEWLY CREATED BODY TRIES TO TAKE OVER IAEA RESPONSIBILITIES, OTHERWISE SECRETARIAT AND BOARD

ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT. PNE AGENDA ITEM FOR FEB BOARD COULD BE STRUCTURED TO OBTAIN INCREASED INVOLVEMENT OF GOVERNORS AND VIES OF VARIOUS MEMBERS. MISSION COULD WORK CLOSELY WITH SECRETARIAT AND HAVE SIGNIFICANT INPUT IN DEVELOPING THRU OF ITS ACTIVITIES.

GYM AT MEETING BETWEEN US AND USSR MISSIONS ATTENDED BY MOROKHOV AND TAPE ON SETP 25, MOROKHOV REPORTED HIS DISCUSSION OF AME SUBJECT PREVIOUS DAY WITH UK RESREP. MOROKHOV EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IAEA IS THE AGENCY TO HANDLE PNE'S, SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT PROGRAM, AND COMMITTEE IS PROBABLY NOT NECESSARY. HE IS OPEN MINDED AND WILL STUDY.

7. THOMPSON INDICATED FURTHER UK-US MEETING PLANNED. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON ANY PROPOSED ACTIONS, SUCH AS PNE COMMITTEE, WHICH WOULD GO BEYOND PRESENT IAEA PLANNED ACTIVITIES. TAPE

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